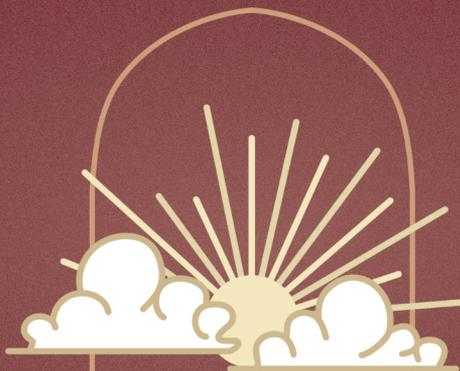




# REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

*To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*



WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

*The Gospel of John*

*February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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## **Season of the Cross:** Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary time runs between Epiphany and Lent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

## Call to Worship: Psalm 84

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

## Song of Ascent

*The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.*

Come Thou Fount

## Reading of the Law: Jeremiah 7:3–7

*While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.*

7:3 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. 4 Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.' 5 For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, 6 if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, 7 then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever."

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

*We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## Song of Repentance

*In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.*

Softly And Tenderly

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Colossians 1:19-23

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

## **Greeting**

*In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.*

## **Songs of Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us*

Only A Holy God  
How Deep The Father's Love For Us

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

*The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).*

Beau Roberts Stabe, Parker Lawrence Stabe, and Ava  
June Elizabeth Stabe

## **Worship Through Giving:** Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://redeemerwh.org/give)

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **Kids' Worship Dismissal**

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

*We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.*

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

John 2:13-25

## **Song of Response & Sending**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

O Come To The Altar

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
Both now and forevermore

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***There is a prayer team available following the worship service for anyone in need of prayer.***

## Proclamation of God's Word

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Pg. 887 (John 2:13-25)

## Resources

D.A. Carson, *Gospel According to John*

Tim Keller, "*Fire and Soap*" sermon

Edward Klink, *John*

Eugene Peterson, *Working the Angles*

**Sermon Series:** We Have Seen His Glory

**Sermon Title:** The True Temple

**Date:** February 8, 2026

**Hook:** *Fill in the blank. Zeal for \_\_\_\_\_ consumes me.*

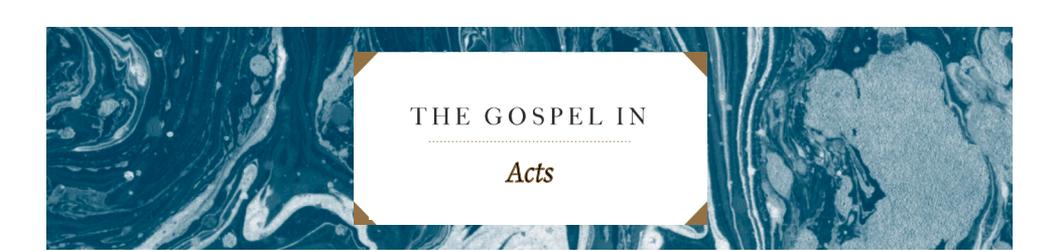
## **I. JESUS VS THE TEMPLE**

*"The devil wants us to follow Jesus but then use Jesus to fulfill needs... It is the temptation to define life in consumer terms and then devise plans and programs to accomplish them 'in Jesus' name.'" - Eugene Peterson*

## **II. JESUS IS THE TEMPLE**

*"Jesus is the true and better temple, serving as the ultimate place where God and humanity meet." - Tim Keller*

**Take-away:** *Be suspicious of yourself.*



## THE GOSPEL IN

### *Acts*

### **Passionate Pursuit**

Acts reveals God's passionate pursuit of his people, beginning with his followers in Jerusalem, expanding to Samaria, then to the rest of the world. By the end of the book we see Paul living in Rome, "proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31). The gospel draws people in, constitutes them as the church centered on the grace of Jesus, and then sends them out in mission to the world. The new group of believers is marked by the Holy Spirit, who creates such a distinctive community that others are drawn in, experiencing God's grace. At the same time, they take the gospel message to new people and new lands, making God's grace known to the ends of the earth.

The gospel's expansion is the culmination of what God has been doing since the beginning. Luke consistently grounds salvation in the ancient purpose of God, which comes to fruition at God's own initiative. Acts shows that the new Christian movement is not a fringe sect but the culmination of God's plan of redemption. What was seen only as shadows in the Old Testament God reveals finally and fully through Jesus Christ. The book of Acts does not primarily provide human patterns to emulate or avoid. Instead, it repeatedly calls us to reflect upon the work of God, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, establishing the church by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are invited to enter and participate in a story that is much bigger than we are.

In Acts, the gospel expands not through human strength, but through weakness, opposition, and persecution. Demonic forces, worldly powers and authorities, governmental opposition, language and cultural barriers, intense suffering and bloody persecution, unjust imprisonment, unbelief, internal disunity, and even shipwrecks and snakes all threaten to slow down the gospel's advance. But opposition and suffering do not thwart the spread of Jesus' grace; rather, they fuel it.

The gospel spreads despite barriers of geography, ethnicity, culture, gender, and wealth. Many of these barriers appear so inviolable that when the gospel is preached to a new segment of society, riots ensue. But Luke makes clear that no one is beyond the scope of God's saving power, nor is anyone exempt from the need for God's redeeming grace.

All people receive the grace of God through one man, Jesus Christ. Jesus' gospel goes out to all places and all types of people, because Jesus is Lord of all.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
"The Gospel in Acts"

# Announcements

**Congregational Meeting:** The session has called a congregational meeting **next Sunday, February 15** to present the 2026 ministry budget. The meeting will be held in Covenant Hall immediately following the service.

**Get Connected:** Are you new to Redeemer or would you simply like to know more about how to connect to our church? Please join us for our Get Connected Lunch on **February 22 in the Cypress Room following the service!** For food planning & childcare purposes, please let us know you plan to attend by registering at [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp).

**Worship and Prayer Night:** On **February 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm**, our church will join together to pray for the world and those around us through song and corporate prayer. We hope to see you there!

**Men's Paddle Trip:** We're returning to the Peace river for a paddle and camping trip on **February 27-28**. We'll launch at Zolfo Springs Pioneer Park, and finish at the Gardner Boat Ramp, approximately 20 miles down river. All ages are welcome. Whether or not you plan to go, please let Richard know ([richardwalkermcadams@gmail.com](mailto:richardwalkermcadams@gmail.com)) if you have a canoe or kayak that we can borrow so as many guys as possible can join the fun. To register, please visit [redeemerwh.org/menspaddletrip](https://redeemerwh.org/menspaddletrip).

**Communicants Class:** Our communicant's class is a four-week course that is required for children to become communing members of the church. If your child is interested in participating or if you would like more information on what communicant's classes are, please register them at [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp). The classes will be on **Sunday mornings March 1-19** during Kids Worship. Space is limited.

**Women's Bible Study:** Our Women's Bible Study is going through the *Person of Jesus, Unit 1: Compassion* book **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am** until April 30. Childcare is available. We'd love for you to join us!

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: ([redeemerwh.org/worship](https://redeemerwh.org/worship)).

## Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

## Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk ([renewpolk.org](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](https://flchurchplanting.org)).

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**2026 GOAL:** \$50,000  
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